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The DOJ has conceded far too much to Microsoft.

It is extremely troubling that you will permit them to bundle any application into the Windows OS. This has no positive benefits: For example, bundling IE into Windows makes neither IE nor Windows better than if they were not one and the same. Yet there are negative ramifications: bundling plainly stifles competition, and thus innovation: the practical demise of Netscape is on point, and with the release of XP, we're sure to see the same with photo-editors, media players, and more.

Moreover, you've permitted too many loopholes for Microsoft to override non-Microsoft applications that OEM's have installed on PC's.

Microsoft is also using Win XP to extinguish existing de facto standards. Specifically, the DOJ settlement does nothing about those standards which were NOT included with Win XP. In not including such Internet Standards such as Java and MP3 capabilities, Microsoft, with its Windows Monopoly, seeks to crush such standards with its own "equivalents." When the old standards are crushed, MS will thus have locked its total control over internet Music and more.

Finally, splitting MS in two would have benefitted the stockholders too. Surely President Bush, with his MBA, has some understanding of why this is.